

MEMORANDUM

TO: Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission members
FROM: David M Rubedor
Director, Neighborhood and Community Relations
DATE: February 19, 2010
RE: **2010 Bridge Funds Recommendations**

Background: The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission outlined a process for allocating and disbursing the \$200,000 Bridge Funds, intended to assist officially-recognized neighborhood organizations by the City that have limited access to other sources of administrative funding in 2010.

Neighborhoods were notified of the availability of funding and applications were sought beginning February 1, 2010. The first round of applications, due February 15th, yielded six applications totaling \$111,000. The Review Committee considered the six applications and is forwarding its recommendation. The Review Committee membership consists of Ed Newman (NCEC), Marcea Mariani (NCEC), Bob Cooper (Development Finance/Citizen Participation Program), Joe Horan (NRP) and David Rubedor (NCR).

Recommendations:

Recommended for Approval:

Citizens for a Loring Park Community	\$10,000
Corcoran Neighborhood Organization	\$17,000
Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association	\$30,000
Seward Neighborhood Group	<u>\$16,000</u>
Total	\$73,000

It should be noted that Commissioner Newman abstained from any discussion of the CLPC request since he is a board member of the organization.

Recommended for Follow –up

Northside Residents Redevelopment Council	\$20,000
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The sources and uses in NRRC's proposal seem to indicate that it will have sufficient funds to cover its 2010 budget. However, this seems to be dependent on receiving a \$120,000 grant from HUD. The committee wants to know more about this grant before it approves or denies the funding request.

Recommended Not to be Funded

Heritage Park Neighborhood Association	\$18,000
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The committee is not recommending funding for the Heritage Park Neighborhood Association. HPNA is in a unique situation; its Bridge Fund request is to provide the organization with funds to hire a staff person, rather than to retain an existing staff person. Committee members stated that this was not in keeping with the intent of the Bridge Funds.

Remaining Funds:

Based on the above stated recommendations, a total of \$93,000 is approved or pending at this time, leaving a balance of \$107,000 for future allocations.